

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

CRENSHAW, Ander (Republican)  
Representative, 4th District, Florida  
Elected 2000 to 107th Congress  
Reelected to succeeding Congress



## BACKGROUND

Born: Jacksonville, Florida -- 1 Sept 1944  
Home: Jacksonville, Florida  
Marital status: Married (Kitty) - 2 children  
Religion: Episcopalian  
Education: Univ of George, A.B., 1966; Univ of Florida, J.D., 1969  
Military: None  
Profession: Investment bank executive, lawyer  
Political: Defeated Tom Sullivan (D), with 67% of the vote to succeed Rep Tillie Fowler (R), who retired. Florida House, 1972-78; sought Republican nomination for US Senate, 1980; Florida Senate, 1986-95 (President, 1993); sought Republican nomination for governor, 1994. Reelected in 2002 with 99.7 % of the vote.

Rep Crenshaw, a conservative, asserted "I strongly support strengthening our military because I know our greatest duty is our national security." Protecting the military installations in his district is a high priority. Wants to increase military spending and improve military housing. Stated "our community is really interested in upgrading our facilities to have a nuclear powered carrier." Supports the use of the federal surplus for a tax cut and constitutional spending limits. Understands the importance of Jacksonville's military facilities to the economy of northeast Florida.

In the 107th Congress, during debate on the Kucinich substitute for H. Con. Res. 83, remarked "there are a lot of things wrong with this Progressive budget, but probably the most important thing that is wrong with it is the way it slashes defense spending." Expressing support for the conference report on the budget resolution, asserted that it makes America strong again. Observed that "we have watched the last 8 years while our military has been hollowed out, overdeployed and underfunded; and this budget recognizes that and puts more money into the military." Noting that the Cold War is over, drew attention to threats from other sources--nuclear proliferation, terrorism, and criminal activity. Spoke in support of H.R. 811, Veterans' Hospital Emergency Repair. Following a tour of the Mayport Naval Station branch medical clinic in Jacksonville, remarked that he was even more resolute in his belief that the \$24 million to build a new facility is essential. Served on the HASC Military Installations & Facilities, Military R&D Subcs, and on the MWR & Merchant Marine Panels in the 107<sup>th</sup>. Also served on the Budget and Veterans' Affairs Cmtes in the 107<sup>th</sup>.

At the beginning of the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress left the Armed Services Cmte for a seat on the Appropriations Cmte.

Additional: Mayport NAS, Jacksonville Naval Aviation Depot are in his district.  
AF Bases: Jacksonville IAP (ANG)

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APPROPRIATIONS – Subcs on: Military Construction; Interior; Foreign Ops  
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